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PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN AGRICULTURE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to encourage private investment in agriculture sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to pump more subsidy in agriculture sector; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b): The National Agriculture Policy (NAP) has underscored the need for private sector participation through contract farming and land leasing arrangements, which would in turn accelerate the process of technology transfer, capital inflow and assured markets for crop production.

(c) & (d): Farmers get the benefit of subsidy under different schemes. However, the extent of subsidy in the case of Indian agriculture is far lower than that in respect of developed countries. In the case of Indian agriculture, in a number of cases, the subsidy seeks to benefit the small and marginal farmers. However, owing to resource constraints, it is not possible to provide domestic support to Indian agriculture at the levels provided by developed countries.